# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

November 2008

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended November 15, 2008, there were 520,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan during November 2008, a decrease of 900 from October 2008 and 14,800 more than the number employed in November 2007.

Agricultural employment was 42,000 persons in November 2008, up 900 from the October 2008 level and 300 more than the November 2007 agricultural employment level of 41,700. Non-agricultural employment was 478,700 persons in November 2008. This is a decrease of 1,800 from the October 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 480,500 and 14,500 more than November 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for November 2008 was 3.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the October 2008 rate of 3.3 percent and 0.5 percentage points lower than the November 2007 level of 3.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 1,100 to 538,100 persons in November 2008 from 539,200 persons in October 2008. This is 12,900 more than the November 2007 labour force of 525,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 69.6 percent in November 2008 from 69.8 percent in October 2008. The November 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.4 percent.

There were 17,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during November 2008. This is a decrease of 200 from October 2008 and is 1,900 less than the number unemployed in November 2007.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 520,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan in November 2008, up 1,300 from the October 2008 level of 519,300 and up 14,000 from the November 2007 employment level of 506,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2008 was 3.7 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the October 2008 rate of 4.0 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the November 2007 rate of 4.0 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 152,900 persons in November 2008 to 17,117,800 persons from 17,270,700 persons in October 2008. In November 2007, there were 17,009,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.6 percentage points to 6.2 percent from the October 2008 level of 5.6 percent. In November 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.3 percent in November 2008. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than October 2008 and 0.4 percentage points higher than the November 2007 level of 5.9 percent.

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## TABLE 1

## SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

| | November 2008 | October 2008 | November 2007 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 18,243.8 | 18,303.3 | 18,022.8 | -59.5 | 221.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 17,117.8 | 17,270.7 | 17,009.9 | -152.9 | 107.9 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 13,820.9 | 13,995.1 | 13,772.8 | -174.2 | 48.1 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 3,296.8 | 3,275.6 | 3,237.1 | 21.2 | 59.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,126.1 | 1,032.7 | 1,012.9 | 93.4 | 113.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 6.3 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.4 | 67.7 | 67.5 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 538.1 | 539.2 | 525.2 | -1.1 | 12.9 |
| Employed ('000) | 520.7 | 521.6 | 505.9 | -0.9 | 14.8 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 422.4 | 425.4 | 407.9 | -3.0 | 14.5 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 98.4 | 96.2 | 98.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 17.4 | 17.6 | 19.3 | -0.2 | -1.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.7 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.6 | 69.8 | 69.4 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| **ALBERTA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,098.7 | 2,109.6 | 2,038.9 | -10.9 | 59.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 2,025.1 | 2,035.4 | 1,962.7 | -10.3 | 62.4 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 1,678.5 | 1,696.7 | 1,644.5 | -18.2 | 34.0 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 346.6 | 338.7 | 318.3 | 7.9 | 28.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 73.6 | 74.2 | 76.2 | -0.6 | -2.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 74.5 | 75.0 | 73.7 | -0.5 | 0.8 |
| **MANITOBA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 634.7 | 633.3 | 628.7 | 1.4 | 6.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 609.0 | 609.3 | 603.9 | -0.3 | 5.1 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 484.8 | 495.1 | 486.0 | -10.3 | -1.2 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 124.2 | 114.2 | 117.9 | 10.0 | 6.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 25.7 | 24.0 | 24.8 | 1.7 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.5 | 69.4 | 69.7 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

**Source: Statistics Canada,** *Labour Force Survey*
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## TABLE 2

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | November 2008 | October 2008 | November 2007 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 538.1 | 539.2 | 525.2 | -1.1 | 12.9 |
| Male | 287.2 | 288.2 | 283.2 | -1.0 | 4.0 |
| Female | 250.9 | 251.0 | 242.0 | -0.1 | 8.9 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 97.4 | 97.0 | 95.9 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| 25+ Years of age | 440.7 | 442.2 | 429.4 | -1.5 | 11.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 520.7 | 521.6 | 505.9 | -0.9 | 14.8 |
| Male | 277.6 | 278.2 | 272.8 | -0.6 | 4.8 |
| Female | 243.1 | 243.4 | 233.1 | -0.3 | 10.0 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 91.0 | 89.6 | 88.3 | 1.4 | 2.7 |
| 25+ Years of age | 429.8 | 432.1 | 417.6 | -2.3 | 12.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.4 | 17.6 | 19.3 | -0.2 | -1.9 |
| Male | 9.6 | 10.0 | 10.4 | -0.4 | -0.8 |
| Female | 7.8 | 7.6 | 8.9 | 0.2 | -1.1 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 6.4 | 7.5 | 7.6 | -1.1 | -1.2 |
| 25+ Years of age | 11.0 | 10.1 | 11.7 | 0.9 | -0.7 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.7 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Male | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Female | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 0.1 | -0.6 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 6.6 | 7.7 | 7.9 | -1.1 | -1.3 |
| 25+ Years of age | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 69.6 | 69.8 | 69.4 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Male | 75.4 | 75.7 | 75.8 | -0.3 | -0.4 |
| Female | 64.0 | 64.1 | 63.1 | -0.1 | 0.9 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 69.7 | 69.5 | 69.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| 25+ Years of age | 69.6 | 69.9 | 69.5 | -0.3 | 0.1 |

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**TABLE 3**

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

| | November 2008 | October 2008 | November 2007 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY ('000)** | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 42.0 | 41.1 | 41.7 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas | 25.4 | 25.2 | 23.1 | 0.2 | 2.3 |
| Utilities | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| Construction | 40.9 | 41.9 | 33.7 | -1.0 | 7.2 |
| Manufacturing | 28.8 | 29.9 | 31.5 | -1.1 | -2.7 |
| Trade | 82.9 | 82.3 | 80.3 | 0.6 | 2.6 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 23.2 | 23.7 | 24.2 | -0.5 | -1.0 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 29.4 | 28.4 | 28.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 21.0 | 21.6 | 21.7 | -0.6 | -0.7 |
| Business, Building and Other Support Services | 10.6 | 12.6 | 12.2 | -2.0 | -1.6 |
| Educational Services | 41.6 | 41.8 | 41.4 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 63.6 | 63.6 | 61.9 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Information, Culture and Recreation | 18.9 | 18.5 | 20.1 | 0.4 | -1.2 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 31.9 | 31.6 | 31.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Other Services | 23.6 | 22.8 | 21.4 | 0.8 | 2.2 |
| Public Administration | 30.7 | 30.8 | 27.7 | -0.1 | 3.0 |
| Total | 520.7 | 521.6 | 505.9 | -0.9 | 14.8 |
| **HOURS OF WORK ('000)** | | | | | |
| Full-Time | 422.4 | 425.4 | 407.9 | -3.0 | 14.5 |
| Part-Time | 98.4 | 96.2 | 98.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 |
| **CLASS OF WORKER ('000)** | | | | | |
| Employees | 423.3 | 425.7 | 414.3 | -2.4 | 9.0 |
| Public Sector | 134.0 | 132.4 | 129.9 | 1.6 | 4.1 |
| Private Sector | 289.3 | 293.4 | 284.4 | -4.1 | 4.9 |
| Self-Employed | 97.4 | 95.9 | 91.6 | 1.5 | 5.8 |

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## TABLE 4

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | November 2008 | October 2008 | November 2007 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,117.8 | 17,270.7 | 17,009.9 | -152.9 | 107.9 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 215.3 | 221.0 | 215.3 | -5.7 | 0.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 67.3 | 70.2 | 66.7 | -2.9 | 0.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 452.4 | 462.1 | 448.4 | -9.7 | 4.0 |
| New Brunswick | 365.2 | 371.1 | 366.8 | -5.9 | -1.6 |
| Quebec | 3,888.8 | 3,912.5 | 3,885.4 | -23.7 | 3.4 |
| Ontario | 6,665.3 | 6,754.6 | 6,656.9 | -89.3 | 8.4 |
| Manitoba | 609.0 | 609.3 | 603.9 | -0.3 | 5.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 520.7 | 521.6 | 505.9 | -0.9 | 14.8 |
| Alberta | 2,025.1 | 2,035.4 | 1,962.7 | -10.3 | 62.4 |
| British Columbia | 2,308.6 | 2,312.9 | 2,297.8 | -4.3 | 10.8 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 13.6 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 11.7 | 9.7 | 11.8 | 2.0 | -0.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 7.7 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 1.0 | -0.1 |
| New Brunswick | 8.0 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 0.2 | 1.4 |
| Quebec | 7.2 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| Ontario | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Manitoba | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.7 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Alberta | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| British Columbia | 4.7 | 4.9 | 3.9 | -0.2 | 0.8 |

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## TABLE 5

## SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

**(3 Month Moving Average)**

| | Sept-Nov 2008 | Aug-Oct 2008 | Sept-Nov 2007 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADIAN CITIES** | | | | | |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| St. John's | 6.4 | 7.0 | 6.0 | -0.6 | 0.4 |
| Halifax | 4.7 | 5.2 | 4.5 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| Saint John | 5.5 | 6.5 | 4.9 | -1.0 | 0.6 |
| Quebec | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.8 | -0.3 | -1.2 |
| Montreal | 7.2 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.5 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| Greater Sudbury | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.2 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| Toronto | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.2 | -0.2 | 0.5 |
| Winnipeg | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| Regina | 3.3 | 4.1 | 4.5 | -0.8 | -1.2 |
| Saskatoon | 3.3 | 4.1 | 3.1 | -0.8 | 0.2 |
| Calgary | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.1 | -0.3 | 0.6 |
| Edmonton | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 0.1 | -0.5 |
| Vancouver | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3.9 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| Victoria | 3.4 | 3.8 | 2.8 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS** | | | | | |
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Regina-Moose Mountain | 158.0 | 157.1 | 149.7 | 0.9 | 8.3 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw | 54.1 | 54.3 | 54.8 | -0.2 | -0.7 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar | 168.6 | 169.4 | 166.3 | -0.8 | 2.3 |
| Yorkton-Melville | 41.7 | 41.8 | 42.0 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Prince Albert & Northern | 99.3 | 98.7 | 92.2 | 0.6 | 7.1 |

**Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)**

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## TABLE 6

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

| | Sept-Nov 2008 | Aug-Oct 2008 | Sept-Nov 2007 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL POPULATION** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 538.8 | 542.4 | 523.1 | -3.6 | 15.7 |
| Employed ('000) | 520.2 | 519.6 | 504.2 | 0.6 | 16.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 18.6 | 22.8 | 18.9 | -4.2 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.6 | -0.7 | -0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.8 | 70.4 | 69.3 | -0.6 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.4 | 67.4 | 66.8 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **NON-ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 497.9 | 501.4 | 484.8 | -3.5 | 13.1 |
| Employed ('000) | 483.4 | 483.3 | 469.9 | 0.1 | 13.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 14.5 | 18.1 | 14.9 | -3.6 | -0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.1 | -0.7 | -0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.1 | 70.7 | 69.8 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 68.0 | 68.1 | 67.6 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 40.9 | 41.0 | 38.3 | -0.1 | 2.6 |
| Employed ('000) | 36.8 | 36.3 | 34.3 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.0 | -0.6 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.1 | 11.5 | 10.5 | -1.4 | -0.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.3 | 66.7 | 63.5 | -0.4 | 2.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.6 | 59.0 | 56.9 | 0.6 | 2.7 |
| **NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 17.1 | 17.2 | 15.5 | -0.1 | 1.6 |
| Employed ('000) | 14.6 | 14.2 | 13.3 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.2 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 14.8 | 17.7 | 14.1 | -2.9 | 0.7 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 61.4 | 62.0 | 56.9 | -0.6 | 4.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 52.3 | 51.0 | 48.9 | 1.3 | 3.4 |
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| Labour Force ('000) | 23.7 | 23.7 | 22.7 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 22.1 | 22.0 | 20.8 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.7 | 7.1 | 8.1 | -0.4 | -1.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.5 | 70.5 | 69.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.7 | 65.5 | 63.4 | 0.2 | 2.3 |

**Notes:**

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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